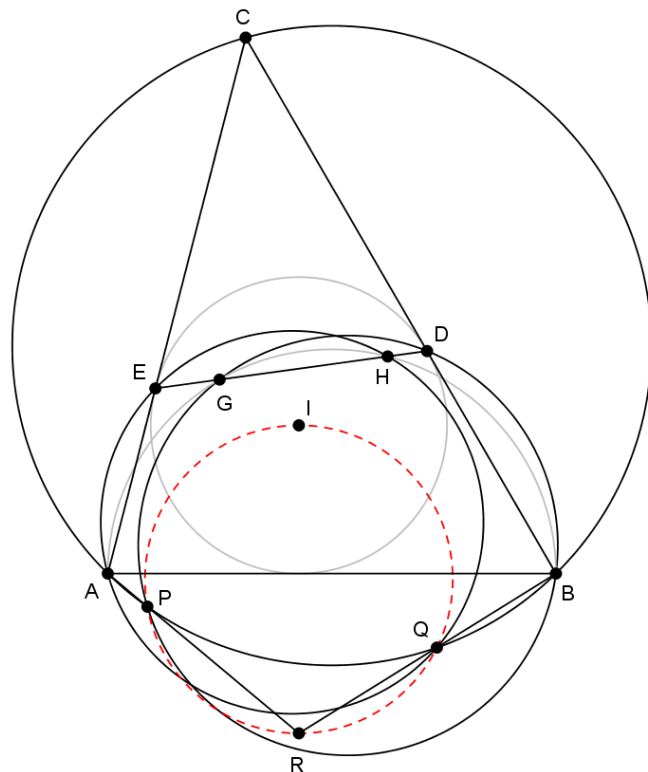


**Problem.** Let the incircle of the triangle  $ABC$  touch the sides  $BC$  and  $CA$  at points  $D$  and  $E$ , respectively. The circle with diameter  $AB$  intersects the line  $DE$  at points  $G$  and  $H$ , such that  $\overline{GE} < \overline{GD}$ . Let  $\omega$  be the circumcircle of  $ABC$ . The circumcircle of  $BDG$  intersects  $\omega$  again at  $P$ . The circumcircle of  $AEH$  intersects  $\omega$  again at  $Q$ . Let  $R$  be the intersection of the lines  $AP$  and  $BQ$ . Prove that the incenter  $I$  of the triangle  $ABC$  lies on the circumcircle of  $PQR$ .

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**Proof** (Stefan Lozanovski).

By Miquel's Theorem for the triangle  $EDC$  and the points  $B \in DC$ ,  $A \in CE$  and  $G \in ED$  on its sides (or extensions), we get that the circumcircles  $(EAG)$ ,  $(DBG)$  and  $(CAB)$  pass through a common point. Therefore,  $P$  is the Miquel Point, so the circumcircle of  $EAG$  also passes through  $P$ . Similarly, the circumcircle of  $DBH$  passes through  $Q$ . We will prove that these two circles pass through  $I$ .

Let  $AI$  intersect  $DE$  at  $H'$ . Then,

$$\angle BIH' = \angle IAB + \angle IBA = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2}.$$

Since  $\overline{CD} = \overline{CE}$  as tangent segments, we have

$$\angle CDH' \equiv \angle CDE = \frac{180^\circ - \gamma}{2} = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2},$$

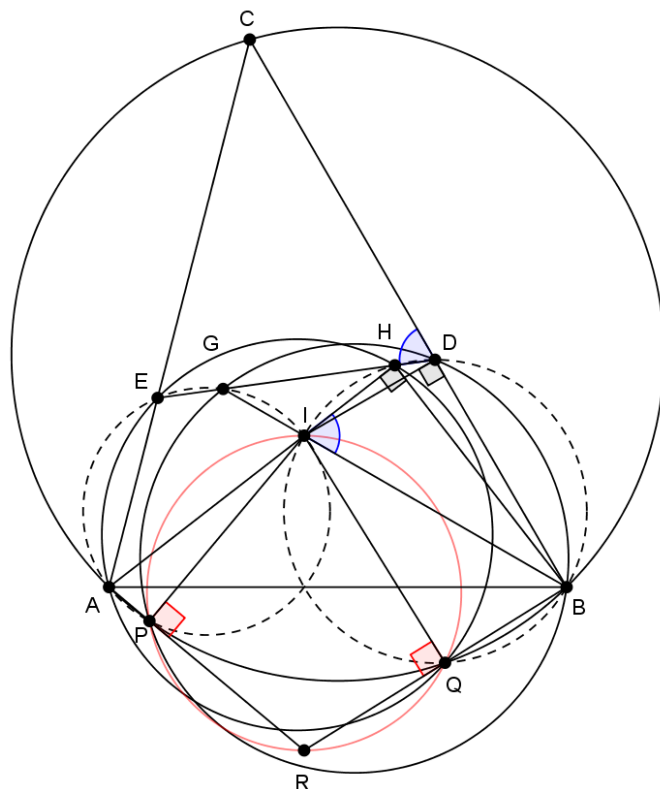
so  $BDH'I$  is cyclic. Therefore,

$$\angle AH'B \equiv \angle IH'B = \angle IDB = 90^\circ,$$

so by the definition of  $H$ , we get that  $H' \equiv H$  which means that  $I \in AH$  and  $I \in (BDH)$ .

Similarly,  $I \in BG$  and  $I \in (AEG)$ .

In conclusion  $BDHIQ$  is cyclic with diameter  $BI$  (because  $\angle IDB = 90^\circ$ ). So,  $IQ \perp BR$ . Similarly,  $IP \perp AR$ , and therefore  $IPRQ$  is cyclic ■



**Remark.**

If an easier problem is needed, this problem can be slightly simplified by defining the points  $G$  and  $H$  as the intersections of the line  $DE$  with the angle bisectors of  $\angle ABC$  and  $\angle CAB$ , respectively. Then, the points  $H'$  (and  $G'$ ) are not needed in this proof, but we still need the part where we prove that  $BDHI$  (and  $AEGI$ ) are cyclic.